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WEDNESDAY JANUARY 23, 1907.

If the wicked flourish, and thou suf-for, be not discouraged. They are fat-ted for destruction; thou art dieted for health.—Thomas Fuller.

The Plan Is Feasible.

Last month in New York City the Union Theological Seminary raised \$1,000,000 to buy a plot of ground adjacent to Columbia University, in order to get the beneties in that institution. This is a striking proof of the necessity for the schools today to co-operate, if they are to prosper Around Columbia University are grouped already Barnard College, for women, Teachers' College, the Horace Mann litzer School of Journalism, and now adopting such a co-operative plan, Columbia University is aggregating about itself one of the most influential educational agencies in the world.

making an effort to develop a university in that strategic city, one citizen offering a subscription of \$100,000 toward the founding of such an institution there. Memphis also is mooting the same question, believing that its location and increasing demand such educational facilities. It is known that Atlanta tried recently to remove the Presbyterian School at Columbia, S. C., to the capital of Georciency to these schools by their location in a thriving city, and by their proximity to other institutions of higher learning. Richmond, therefore, in its present effort to bring into co-operation the several dmirable colleges which have long been thriving here, is acting in accordance with a strong tendency which is assert-

The Richmond plan is unique, so far of Richmond will furnish a central plant of common utilities and a site to each of these colleges. A suitable tract of land of about 200 or more acres, it has been found, can b_0 secured for a comparatively small sum. The central plant of common utilities, if started now, can grow ughout the decades. At present there would be need of building only a central library, which would be the core history museum, an intercollegiate Y. M. C. A., could be crected, as money was oming. Upon the site suggested for the University of Richmond, namely, Union Theological Seminary, there are already an artesian well, tank and pumping-station, together with sewers, macadamized road, and street car A board of business men, representing the entirety of the interests and resources of Richmond, would own and control the central plant of common utilities, and would give to each college a site of about twenty-five acres adjacent.

Nine colleges might possibly get the benefit of these general facilities in education. Why should the citizens of Richmond be asked to build nine college libraries, when one large one will serve the needs of every college? Why should the citizens of Richmond be asked to contribute to nine college auditoriums. when one such building will answer for all the colleges? Why should we strive to furnish nine power-houses, nine Y. M. C. A. halls for college use, nine athletic these will meet every need on the part of all our institutions?

Not only does the co-operative plan make for economy; it makes also for efficiency. Grouped around the central plant each college will share the intensity of light that comes from the interaction of intellectual forces. For instance, Professor Dodd, of Randolph-Macon College, recently brought his senior history class to Richmond in order that they might hear This involved expense to each they had the expense of the hotel over- a fellowman. and faculty of Randolph-Macon College man than Robert Edward Lee. Throughhear the noted lecturers upon the Thomas foundation, if that college were located

provided? Richmond lies in the fact that the col- excuse and palliation for the errors of his leges remain absolutely independent. Not subordinates, After the war he was equala single lots in the charter of any col- ly charitable toward the North and tolege which may come to share in the to be changed. For example, the Union both in ownership, personnel and courses others show that mercy show to me"; and of instruction; yet it can enjoy the ad- verily he has his reward. vantages of the central plant known as that the universal regard for General Lee the University of Richmond. Each col- is due in great part to his charity and

the University of Richmond that it now has to, say, the Virginia Historical Soclety, with its rich collections. Think of what resources such an insti-

ution would represent! A great denomnation stands back, respectively, of Richmond College, Randolph-Macon College and Hampden-Sidney. The State of Virginia makes an annual appropriation to Council gives \$10,000 a year to the Me-chanics' Institute. In addition to these potential resources, the citizenship of Richmond would be enlisted especially in the central plant, and would thereby impart power to every college in the aggregation. Think, too, of the various phases of education which such an institution would afford, theological, medical, legal, classical, normal and technological! The University of Richmond will constitute the third fact in the history of our city; the first being its selection as the capital of Virginia: the second, its selection as the capital of the Confederacy; and the third, this institution, making it the permanent intellectual capital of the South

Removing "God" From the French Coin. By directing the mint authorities to

drop the motto, "God Protect France, from the coins of the republic, the French Minister of Finance appears to have furnished considerable tinder to the Clericals. This party has all along claimed that the separation of church and state was in reality the symptom o a general wave of irreligion rising to sweep over the whole nation. Indifference or dislike to religion, the Clericals have urged, not a desire for a free religion, lies at the bottom of the present anti-Cierical movement. The statemen credited to the Minister of Public Worship, M. Briand, that France "had hunted Jesus Christ out of the army, the navy, the schools, the hospitals and the law courts," has, it is true, been denied by him. But the removal of the name of the Delty from the coins, unimport ant as it may be regarded in itself, seems to show unmistakably that the sentiment of the dominant party is in that direction.

The act cannot, of course, be regarded as a necessary incident to the abolition of the concordat. No country, perhaps, could have a more complete division between church and state than exists in the United States. Yet it has never been seriously argued that "In God We Trust" should be removed from our coins. No serious objection, we believe, has ever been raised to the prayer with which the houses of Congress open their sessions. Great Britain retains "Dei Gratia" upon her specie, and most Christian nations preserv some similar use of the name of God. These things have become established conventions, and are regarded as fitting and appropriate, regardless of religious opinions or doctrinal differences. Do not bills of lading bear to this day a state ment of exemption of responsibility in case of damage done "by act of God" The order of the French Minister of Finance is an innovation likely to attract few imitators. Puerile in motive and trivial in effect, it yet appears to convict the government of the very purposes which it has been most eager to disclaim.

Europe's Faith Shaken.

The trouble in the stock market is due in great part to the hostility of European bankers and investors toward American securities. Europe has become distrustful and has been discriminating peninst even the best of our stocks and bonds. Demagogues say that President Roosevelt is responsible for this, and in a sense that is true, for the President has caused investigations and prosecuof the city of colleges. Afterwards, an tions in many instances. But that is auditorium, an athletic field, a natural only half the truth. Europe's misgivings are due to the disclosures which have been brought out in these investigations. The investigations have shown Sherwood Park, in the vicinity of the sharp practices; that they had preyed that the high magnates were guilty of apon the general public and upon their own stockholders; that they had been guilty of conduct that was grossly im-moral, if not technically criminal. European investors have come to the conclusion that many of the men in charge of our large affairs are utterly un worthy of trust, and they are not willing to invest their money in enterprises conducted by such men, even though the enterprises may be ever so prosperous. It is character that counts in the long run, and without character there can be no permanent success. This country is so rich that we have prospered in spite of the misconduct of our high financiers. That order of things cannot continue indefinitely. If our captains of finance and industry do not deal fairly and honestly with their stockholders and the general public, the day of reckoning will fields for students, when one of each of surely come, and it will be a day of disaster. Stock-jobbing and trickery may flourish for a day, but they will surely fail in the long run. As a nation we must live honestly and deal squarely or diseaser will overtake us

Lee's Charity.

In the course of a conservative and complimentary article on the life and character of General Robert E. Lee, the Springfield Republican says that one of H. Morse Stephens deliver the Thomas the greatest lessons to be drawn from the contemplation of Lee's career is the student: for, in addition to railway fare, beauty and worth of charity in judging

There never lived a more charitable out the war and after the war no word in the city and a suitable auditorium lips of General Lee. As commander of the Confederate armies, he took all the The feasibility of the University of blame upon himself and sought to find ward the men of all sections. He obeyed benefits of the central plant would have implicitly the command of Scripture, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." He cological Seminary is denominational, adopted as his motto, "That mercy I to

lege would have the same relation to catholicity. In this, as in other ways, h set a noble and useful example. The world is as sure to be charitable towards him who makes charity his rule of conduct as it is to find fault with the chronic fault-finder. Charity is not only a Christian virtue; it is an index to character.

Real and Assessment Values. Taking the figures given by the Census Bureau of the actual wealth of the Southern States and comparing them with the latest assessment of these States, as published by the Baltimore Manufacturers' Record, It will be found that property is assessed on the follow-

Act, 3014, 3 Alahama Arkansas Poordas Georgia Kentucky Louisiana Mississippi Mississippi Mississippi Mississippi Arcaolina S. Carolina S. Carolina Tennessee Tennessee Tennessee Tennessee Tennessee

It will be seen from this table that property in Virginia is assessed at less than half its actual value; yet the Constitution of Virginia says in plain, unequivocal language that all assessments of real estate and tangible personal property shall be at their fair market value. It may be contended with reason that the actual value of property is not always as low as its market value, but the market value of property in Virginia is less than one-half its actual value. There is proof upon proof that much property in Virginia is not assessed ac-

ording to the rule of the Constitution. As we have pointed out in a previous article, it would make little difference, corned, if property in the State were assessed at half its actual value, probut everybody knows that it is not the invariable rule; for property in some its actual value, while in other sections at less. Yet the Constitution also provides that all taxes shall be uniform upon the same class of subjects.

stitution of the State be flagrantly violated? It would seem so from the slip-The Constitution commands that taxation shall be uniform, and to that end its fair market value. Enforce the rule. Every consideration of law and justice

It is said that King Edward frequently drops off to sleep while listening to after-dinner speeches. Unfairly enough, when it comes his time to speak, the other orators are prevented from reciprocating by the rules of less majeste.

So The Times-Dispatch would say " basket of grape," would it? Alas and alackaday! There is nothing to do but send it to the foot. What promised to be a brilliant career is seriously checked, if not blasted forever .- Norfolk Land

Consult your Century Dictionary, and you will find that "grape" is used "collectively in the singular; as in the plural grapes." Therefore, in speaking collectively, it is quite correct to say "a basket of grape," although "a basket of grapes is the usual form of expression. Why then, should we go to the foot?

Governor Swettenham has expressed his profound gratitude for the friendly assistance of Admiral Davis, which he rejected. The Governor's thanks are delayed in transmission, but they arrived in good form and will be received and filed. The incident is now closed,

The Washington Herald records a belief that the oil trust stands ready to take over the Philippine Islands. It looss like a death-bed repentance?

What a nice world it would be if ou hens would only produce eggs at the speed with which old Ocean is turning out new Philippine Islands!

Greece contains but a single steam laundry, thus furnishing what might be described as an ideal market for the celluloid trust.

Mr. Tillman likens the Senate to a min-strel show, probably having in mind the dry bones that are so frequently rattled

statistician figures that Paris spent just \$20,000,000 in tips last year. Isn't Jimmy Hyde the spender, though?

Senator La Follette, it is said, has no intimates in the Senate. They boas an exclusive society out in Wisconsin

Mr. Hill declares that he owns only seven per cent. of the Great Norther stock. Well, maybe that's all there is. Mr. Guggenheim intimates a desire to

be a good Senator, with apparent indif-ference to the ensuing lonesomeness. However, no one has successfully con-troverted Mr. Tillman's title as the Sen-

ate's champion buffoonograph. Mr. Tillman's near-humor was positively deemed too penderous for the Congres-sional Record. Fancy, fancy!

Positively, it has been days since we heard the word "Har" issuing from the purlieus of Washington.

Senator Bailey's new spring suit, rumor has it, will be whitewash, with bouquets.

Buffale is noticeably put out about that recent lake storm. Three million del-Governor Swettenham will kindly men-tion the name of his correspondence

Vardaman is out for Bryan, but the colonel intimates that he will not give

Boyond a doubt, Senator Bentillman has a rare fund of typical step-mother wit,

Rhymes for To-Dal

To a Pimpernel Down in the Wold.

F ALL of the sights for one's optio delights,
In nummery weather or cold,
There's nothing I prize of the earth
or the skies
Like a pimpernel down in the wold—
A pimpernel down in the wold, my
lada.

And perhaps 'twould appear that this fan,

cy is queer.
Or so some might think it, I ween:
For I'll candidly tell that the cute pin-

pernel.

Is a thing that I never have seen—
Is a thing, etc.

And there's one other fact I will mention with tactwith tact—
For sure, there's no reason to scold—
Though I have seen slews of what ladies call "views,"

I've ne'er in my life seen a wold—
I've ne'er in my life, etc.

But that's a detail. Do the libraries fall Don't I know what the poets have told Don't I know what the poets have told?

And so I repeat that there's no sight as sweet

As a pimpernel down in the wold—

As a pimpernel, etc.

No post am I, but I knew I must try—
My love has made me so bold:
So I've written this verse—and I wish
it was worse—
To a pimpernel down in the wold—
A pimpernel down in the wold, my
lads, Pretty pimpernel down in the wold. H. S. H.

MERELY JOKING.

"The charming dobutante upsets all re-ceived maxims."
"How so?"
"By proving that a miss can also be a hit."—Haltimore American.

How the Quarrel Rose.

"Why is it that Blank, the shirtmaker, and Irons, the laundryman, do not speak when they meet?"
"Well, you know Blank advertised a new, indestructible shirt?"
"Yes."

"Yes."
"And Irons immediately installed more powerful machinery in his laundry."—Woman's Home Companion.

"You insist that your wife is a most exceptional woman?"
"I do," answered Mr. Moekton. "She takes exception to everything I suggest."—Washington Star.

"Are you going to raise the price of ice this summer?" asked the humble clizen.
"No, sir," replied the independent dealer.
"The only change will be in the size of the lumps."—Chicago News.

A Bull. The school girl with the large feet was sitting with them stretched far out into the aisle, and was busly chewing gum, when the teacher espled her.

"Mary!" called the teacher sharply,

"Yes, ma'am?" questioned the pupil.

"Take that gum out of your mouth and put your feet in!" was the command, somewhat difficult to be strictly obeyed.—Florida Times-Union.

POINTS FROM PARAGRAPHERS

DR. SCHURMAN has epitomized real American contiment when he told his addende that this country is againstolen, not swellen, fortunes,—New York Herald.

There is a certain impression that Senator Tillman makes a study of agreeing with at few people as possible at any one time.— Washington Star.

The Drygoods Magazine tells us that we shall all be wearing paper clothes soon. Some of the ladies will look "perfect frights" in certain varieties of Sunday papers.—Washington Herald.

The short sleeve diplomacy that has some times troubled Europe seems preferable to the evening gown variety,—Washington Star It is estimated that 20,000 tramps are win oring in Chicago. What is the attraction?— iew York World.

Our climate has its bad features, no doubt, but we can put up with a good deal in a country that is neither trembling nor sliding into the sea.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Just as an evidence of good faith let Sena-tor Foraker take Booker T. Washington and William T. Vernon home to dinner some evening.—Kansas City Journal.

COMMENT OF VIRGINIA EDITORS.

There is some use for battleships, after all, that does not involve the destruction of life and property. The swift succor sent to the stricken people at Kingston, Jamaica, by the fighting craft under the command of Admiral Evans was a nobler exploit than the capture of an opposing armada.—Harrisburg News.

Roosevelt's Letter.

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It is something more than of merely formal, perfunctery nature—this letter, Mr. Roosevelt breathed into his words an intense sincerity, if not a genuine arder of conviction that lends high value to his eulogy. Undoubtedly it will be received throughout the South with unmixed gratification. And upon the great North, too, it should make impress for good. In generaling the feeling of kindliness and friendship between all sections of the country. There was no Jarring notes in what he wrote-naught enledents or to recall bitter memories. A broad, generous, patriotic pronouncement withal, President thosevelt's estimate of Lee, and constituting one of the fost pleasing features of Saturday's great celebration.—Lynchburg News.

Big Hogs.

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The Times-Dispatch last Sunday stated that Mr. O. S. Allen, of Amelia, had recently slaughtered nine Poland China hogs, sixteen months old, that averaged 259 pounds each in net weight. Now, if this hog raiser would wish to make a better success in raising hogs be should locate on the fertile Peninsula of Virginia, near Williamsburg. Mr. E. Louis and Mr. E. Louis and

Carnegle and Emory and Henry

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Some months ago Andrew Carnegle made Emory and Henry College an offer of \$25,000 if the friends of that institution would supplement the amount by a denation of \$75,000. That being the best proposition that could be obtained, the president, faculty and friends of that institution tried to be thankful and went to work, and through their efforts and after weeks and months of almost causoless labor the required amount seems almost in sight, although there is a deal of work yet to be done and a considerable amount yet to be raised.—Bristol Herald.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL

An English manufacturing firm has had texts

An ex-slave who, it is said, is 121 years old, and who is still able to walk long distances and engage in manual work, is living at Santa Catherina Brazil.

The average tractive power of freight locomotives in 1850-ten years agni-was 13,000 tons, while to-day it has increased to \$1,500 tons. This means correspondingly increased train-pads.

loads.

George Trollope, an English actor of considerable note has reseased the stage and will enter the Catholic priesthood. Strange as it may seem, the first play in which he appeared was "The Sign of the Cross."

Rev. Edward Erectt Hale has been attending White House receptions since 1882. On the latest occasion he presented one of his grand-children.

People Seen in Public Places

Hon. E. P. Wallace, member of the House of Delegates from Lunenburg county, is in the city looking after some private business affairs.

Mr. Wallace was mixing with his friends ground the hotal lobbies last pight when or the skies

a pimpernel down in the wold—
A pimpernel down in the wold—
A pimpernel down in the wold, my lads,
Pretty pimpernel down in the wold.

Pretty pimpernel down in the wold.

"Things are pretty quiet over our way," be repais 'twould appear that this fan.

"Things are pretty quiet over our way," be replied, "but the farmers are getting her pretty quiet over our way," be replied, "but the farmers are getting her way," wall with the preparation for

along very well with the preparation for their crops." Will you run for the Legislature next

fall?"
"I don't know definitely about that, though I rather expect I shall. The matter has not been much discussed up to this time, as the election is yet some distance in the future.
"In addition to a member of the House, we will elect all our district and county officers this year, so there will be plenty of politics in Lunenburg a little later on."

on."

Mr. Wallace came in on a night train and will leave for his home about noon

Although he has served but one term in the House, Mr. Wallace acquired a wide acquaintance among his colleagues, and was on the most pleasant terms with them, thereby giving him considerable influence in the matter of accomplishing

legislation.

Another popular and prominent House member who was in the city yesterday was Hon. Robert W. Withers, of Suffolk. Mr. Withers argued a case in the Supreme Court during the day, and left for his home on an afternoon train. While here Mr. Withers called upon Governor Swanson and other called upon Governor Swanson and other State officials at the Capitol and Library

Mr. Lucien H. Cocke, attorney for the Norfolk and Western Railway, and Mr. Joseph W. Cocke, comptroller for the same company, both of Roanoke, are at the Richmond. They are here in con-nection with the 2-cent passenger rate hearing before the State Corporation Commission.

Judge D. A. Grimsley, of Culpeper, is in the city and is stopping at Murphy's.

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Commonwealth's Attorney S. L. Fergusson, of Appomattox, is in the city, and was a caller on Insurance Commissioner Joseph Button at the Capitol yesterday.

"I simply came down to look at some mules for work on my farm," said Mr. Fergusson, when asked the significance of his presence in the city at this time.

"I wish to purchase some teams for farming purposes, and saw some mules advertised here, so I thought I would come down and take a look at them."

"How are the farmers up in your section getting on with their work?" Mr. Fergusson was asked.

"Very well," he replied. "This has been

Fergusson was asked.
"Very well," he replied. "This has been the finest January I ever saw for farm work, and our people have been burning plan; beds and making other prepara-

work, and our people have been burning plant beds and making other preparations for their crops."

Mr. Fergusson is a warm friend and law partner of Congressman Hai D. Flood, and is active in the political affairs of his county. He says, however, that the political situation is very quiet at this time.

Marked improvements are being made to both the interior and exterior of Ford's Hotel, and the historic old structure presents a pleasing appearance in its new coat of paint just put on. Almost the entire inside of the building

the walls of the office.

"After we had our little fire," said Mr.
M. S. Dicken, one of the proprietors,
"we promised the public that we would
put the house in better shape than ever

Among the guests at the Jefferson are Messrs, Robt, W. Hughes, Jr., and G. M. Dillard, of Norfolk; Mr and Mrs. C. B. Ryan, of Norfolk; Mr. R. J. Camp, of Southampton, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Cham-

Messrs, Thos. R. Leachman, of Lynch

Messrs. Thos. R. Leachman, of Lynch hurg, and Gooch Vaughan, of Roanoke, are at the Richmond.
Virginians at Murphy's are A. J. Desmond. Lynchburg: W. N. Wilkins, Boydton, and D. W. Owen, Deniston.
Mrs. T. A. Overby, Miss Annie Overby, Miss Julia Overby, Blackstone, and S. B. Spratley, Waverly, are stopping at Ford's.

FORT LEE NEWS

The roll of honer for Beulah School, No. 6, for the week ending January 11th is as follows: Belle Bendle, Connie Baer, Maggie Baer, Alice Baer, Bertha kulonsek, Mamie Shurm, Arthur Clayton, Charlle Clayton, William Garner, Rupert Winbauer and Walter Lee Shurm.

Mr. F. Bendle, who has been ill at his home near here, is now able to be cut.

Miss Alice Allard was pleasantly en-tertained in Richmond during the past

neighborhood have been victims of grip during the damp weather.

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A ghost party was given during the past week at the home of Mrs. Elias Clayton, and a most delightful evening was spent in parlor games and music. At 11 o'clock the phantoms marched by pairs through the hall into the spacious dining-room, where a sumptuous lunch was served, and in doing ample justice to the fours all were forestful of the was served, and it using analysis detected to the feast all were forgetful of the thought that they were ghosts. Among those present were: Misses Palmer Coleman, Laura Doggett, Winona Algier, Ollie Henry, Nellie Bendle, Alberta Bendle, Alle, Allard, Mabel and Luella Clayton; Mosses Andraw and Clair, Allard, J. Messrs, Andrew and Claire Allard, Tedford, Andrew Doggett, Earle Bendle Henry Werner, Morgan Davis, Lee Dog-gett, Horace Livesay, Harrison Wyman, Charlle Clarke, N. O. Henry, Rudolph Aigner and Elias Clayton; Mesdames Claira Allard, Julia Henry, Rudolph Aig-ner, Elias Clayton and Mrs. Werner.

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FEAR BLOODSHED IN BORDER COUNTIES

Old Virginia Land Grants Causing No End of Trouble in Kentucky Mountains.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
OSBORN'S GAP, VA., January 22-Trouble is brewing in the countles of Pike and Letcher, Kentucky, just across the border, over a coal land suit, which is now pending, and will be heard in the County Court at Prestonsburg. It seems that land grants were made to soldiers of the Revolution by the State of teenth century, but that the original patentees never attempted to take pos-session of these lands. When the State of Kentucky was admitted to the Union the lands were surveyed and settled by emigrants from other sections. Now, a opporation known as the East-ern Kentucky Coal Lands Corporation has bound in these lands under the Virafula

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Mr. Thos. D. Ransom, of Staunton, one of the officers and attorneys for the Tidewater Railway Company, is registered at the Jefferson.

Landscape Gardner George H. Brown, of Washington, D. C., who drew the plans and outlined the scheme for Beautiffying the State Capiful grounds, light bedden against them. Many of the suggestions as to the completion of the work.

"This is going to be a beautiful square when it is finished," said Mr. Brown, as he went over the work with Senator A. C. Harman, a member of the joint legislative committee having the work in charge, Later on he called and presented his compliments to Governor Swanson.

Mr. Brown is the landscape gardener for the Capitol grounds at Washington, and is considered one of the most accomplished artists in the country.

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FREE-FOR-ALL RACE AT SKATING BINK

Much Interest Being Taken in Friday-Night Events-Vaudeville Act Feature.

The two races scheduled for the big roller rink at Idlewood for Friday night promise to equal those which were re-cently held, and which proved to be the most interesting series of events of this

most interesting series of evidence of the sort ever seen in this city.

The two contests on Friday night will be hard-fought and will go to a finish. The first will be a pursuit race between Ford and Hancock and Taylor and Frazer. be hard-fought and will go to a finish. The first will be a pursuit race between Ford and Hancock and Taylor and Frazer. This contest will be run exactly as was the big match on Saturday night, when Richmond and Baltimore met and created so much excitement. The youngsters are all fast and well known to the patrons of the rink, and will put up a contest that will prove as good as any ever held among the young skaters.

The other race will be a fifteen-minute free-for-all endurance contest, the entire field to start at once and skate for fifteen minutes, the winner being the one having made the most laps of the rink during that time. Already several entries have been recorded, including Haley, Pollard, Figs, Newberry and others. Any who desire may enter by applying to Floor Manager Hooker to-day or to-night.

For next week, beginning Monday afternoon, with performances every afternoon and evening, the eight Cornalias, premier gymnasts, in an act par excellence, will be the attraction. The eight Cornalias have been made the features of all the big vaudeville houses North and West, and come here with press notices that are extremely fattering.

If this innovation proves successful, and there is no reason why it should not, it is possible that the management may put on some big vaudeville star act as an attraction every week.

The Cornalias—four men, two ladies and two boys—will present an act that will run for half an hour. It is pronounced one of the most sonsational ever produced on the vaudeville stage.

An entire series of special pictures will be shown all the week.

GIRL'S DRESS CATCHES; SHE BURNS TO DEATH

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROANOKE, VA., January 22.—Lillian, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin, was buried to death at the home, near Cave Springs, to-day. The child's dress caught fire from the fireplace.

Mussed Up. Susie Green quite carelessly Stepped in front of the express, O, my goodness gracious me! How it mussed her Sunday dress. -The Catholic Standard and Times.

AMUSEMENTS

Academy—"The Free Lance."
Bljon—"Down the Pike,"
Bostock's—Wild Animal Show,
Idlewood—Skating Rink.

John Philip Sousa's successful military John Philip Sousa's successful military comic opera, "The Free Lanco," with Joseph Cawthorn as the star of the original cast, the main factors of which are Nella Bergen, Jeanette Low-rie, Albert Hart, George Tallman, Geo. Schiller, Stanley Murphy, Monte Elma and an ensemble of seventy-five, which will be the attraction at the Academy to-night, is declared by many crudits music-lovers his best work.

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langer have given it a sumptuous set-ting and the original cast, ensemble and production are guaranteed.

There is all the excitement of a regu-lar football game in "Strongheart," the play in which Henry B. Harris will present Robert Bdresin at the Academy to-morrow night, and one gets every bit of the enthusiasm over the encounter which takes place in the second act of the play, feeling almost as if in the

Those who attend the theatre to laugh, who have a fondness for bright, breezy comedy, brilliant stage pictures, with a background of handsomely-attered girls, accompanied by catchy songs and rhythmic dances, should find an offering much to their liking in E. D. Stair's big musical comedy, "Down the Pike," which is the attraction at the Bijou this week. The piece is declared to be an emphatic laugh hit, much of this picasing condition being due to the presence of Johnny and Emma Ray in the leading roles.

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